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1. A representative of the Readers' Digest has approached us with a proposal that we undertake to distribute, periodically, over-runs of this magazine's German-language edition, printed in Stuttgart.

2. The conditions tentatively laid down for this project were the following:

a. That we should pay for the actual cost of the over-run;

b. That the magazines be distributed through ostensibly legitimate channels;

c. That, while the magazines would be introduced into the Soviet Zone of Germany, the Readers' Digest itself should have no overt connection whatsoever with any smuggling operation.

3. It occurs to me that a project of this sort might be run as an adjunct of operation WALTHER, possibly by making the office of either Telegraf or Neue Zeitung an open distributing point for the German Readers' Digest but injecting most copies of the over-run into the channels used for circulating the weekly newspapers in the Soviet Zone.

4. I should appreciate your ideas on this proposal as to its feasibility and desirability, and as to how many copies of the magazines could be distributed assuming the project was adjudged worthwhile.

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